

Food Safety Modernization Act requirements, to name just a few. AHPA has been at the forefront with each of these and others, actively and effectively interacting with regulatory agencies on proposals that impact the regulated community and providing guidance and training to regulated businesses.

AHPA and its members should be commended for their ongoing commitment to supporting the responsible commerce of herbs and herbal products in the United States. I once again rise to recognize this momentous occasion and to wish AHPA a happy 30th Anniversary.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with immense pleasure that I rise today to recognize the Izaak Walton League of America on their 90th Anniversary and to congratulate its members on their many accomplishments. In honor of this exceptional milestone, the Izaak Walton League of America began a yearlong celebration on January 14, 2012, 90 years to the date of the organization's incorporation.

After being formally incorporated on January 14, 1922, in Illinois, the League, which initially consisted of fifty-four admirable men, began to work diligently on conserving natural resources in order to ensure their enjoyment, benefit, and use to the current generation and generations to come. Today, the League consists of 39,000 members and more than 250 community-based chapters who are committed to continuing the legacy and furthering the accomplishments of their predecessors. With a goal in mind to protect the nation's soil, air, wood, waters, and wildlife, the League's members have set high standards, and through hard work and dedication, not only met, but exceeded their goals. To elaborate on just a few examples of the tremendous impact the League's efforts have had on the environment, League leaders played a major role in the formulation of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, which led to the landmark 1973 Clean Water Act. Furthermore, the League led the way in the creation of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and today, its members work to ensure these funds are being allocated appropriately, for purposes which include the acquisition of public land and the creation of local opportunities for outdoor recreation. The Izaak Walton League is also to be commended for its role in the creation of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Superior National Forest, Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, and the Everglades and Isle Royale National Parks.

The League's continuous cooperation in working with communities, as well as with Congress, has led to many positive changes involving policies, legislation, and efforts to protect the environment. When it comes to protecting our water sources, defending public lands, establishing farm and energy policy, protecting fish and wildlife, and conservation, the Izaak Walton League's members have

proven that with diligence, teamwork, and an appreciation for nature, everyday citizens can have a major impact on the world.

The Izaak Walton League's dedication to communities is endless. The League has supported programs to keep family farms in business, and groups of League members, known as "Ikes," give their time to help build nature trails, restore stream banks, plant trees and rain gardens, and prevent the spread of invasive species. The Izaak Walton League knows how important it is to invest in the future, and it is with this in mind that the organization annually awards \$125,000 in scholarships to college students seeking their degrees in fields related to conservation and natural resources.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating the Izaak Walton League of America on its 90th Anniversary. Through the years, the League's members have dedicated their time and efforts to ensure the conservation of our natural resources, and for this, they are to be recognized and commended.

RECOGNIZING LANGLEY HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize the administration, teachers, coaches, and athletic training staff of Langley High School in McLean, Virginia for the care and compassion they showed in helping one of their students detect, cope, and ultimately recover with vigor and honor from an aggressive form of cancer.

In a world that charts success in reaching goals and milestones, Langley High School more than 'measures up.' Although this AAA school is consistently ranked among the best in the country, their care and attention exemplified by their role in Maureen Marsh's life tells a deeper story, holding lessons for everyone to learn from and follow.

As a 14 year-old freshman volleyball player, Maureen continued her intense daily regimen even as her knee pain grew more severe. Despite the doctors' diagnoses as growing pains, the Langley training staff noticed a small bump that the doctors had missed. The bump was osteosarcoma, an aggressive bone cancer. Maureen endured months of intensive chemotherapy and limb-salvage surgery that resulted in her needing to re-learn how to walk. This tall, quiet young woman had clear goals: to stay on track with her schoolwork and to once again play volleyball, something the doctors said would never happen. Most of all, she wanted to be a 'normal' kid, not easy when you are literally fighting for your life.

The team at Langley understood Maureen's wishes and gave her everything she needed during a battle that this young warrior conquered, defying the odds and her doctors' prognostications. Now a junior, she is an honor student and has returned to the volleyball court.

At a time when we could all use some good news, I am proud to recognize all of the staff at Langley for their outstanding work, going far beyond what can be measured quantitatively,

to lift up and support those in their tutelage. To Principal Matt Ragone, Vice Principal Fred Amico, Volleyball coaches Sue Shifflett and Amy Dean, the Langley training staff, administration, and the wonderful teaching staff, I am pleased to take this opportunity to honor your service to our children, as they are our future.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SPECIALIST ROBERT J. TAUTERIS JR.

**HON. JOE DONNELLY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to solemnly remember and honor the life and dedicated service of Specialist Robert J. Tauteris Jr., a native son of Hamlet, Indiana, and a proud member of the 713th Engineer Company based in Valparaiso and assigned to 81st Troop Command. Specialist Tauteris died along with three of his fellow soldiers on January 5, 2012 in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan of wounds sustained when their vehicle was hit by a roadside improvised explosive device as they scouted for bombs and potential problems along a major supply route.

The state of Indiana mourns the loss of the four brave men who took on this dangerous mission to ensure the safety of their fellow soldiers. Specialist Tauteris died with his fellow National Guardsmen, Specialist Brian Leonhardt, Specialist Christopher Patterson, and Staff Sergeant Jonathan Metzger. Private Douglas Rachowicz was severely injured in the same incident.

Robert graduated from North Judson High School in 1986 and had worked in manufacturing at Faro Corporation in Plymouth. Robert Tauteris served one tour in Afghanistan with his second deployment when his son Robert Tauteris III enlisted. Father and son left together for Afghanistan in the fall of 2011; Bobby III accompanied his father's body home to Dover Air Force Base.

Robert's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Posthumous; Purple Heart, Posthumous; Army Good Conduct Medal, Posthumous; Army Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal with the Bronze Service Star; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; NATO Medal; Combat Action Badge; Driver and Mechanic Badge; Combat and Special Skill Badge; Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge; and the Overseas Service Bar.

Robert will be remembered by his friends, family, and fellow soldiers as a dedicated, reliable, and hard-working man who cared deeply for his family. He is survived by his sons Robert J. III and Matthew, his father, Robert J. Tauteris, his sister, Tammy Tauteris Smith, brother, Thomas, half-brother Darrel Ray Minix and step-mother Nichelle as well as extended family and friends who are left to treasure his memory.

It is my solemn duty and humble privilege to honor the life, service, and memory of Specialist Robert J. Tauteris Jr. He is a testament to the great honor possessed and sacrifices made by our men and women in the armed